

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 8 and 9.

- B1 sub 8. (New) A method according to claim 1 in which the messages are tactical data link messages originating from a plurality of military platforms, the messages being in digital form and transmitted by the units via a wireless network.
9. (New) A method according to claim 1, in which each of the received plurality of data link messages comprises a plurality of data fields including a message type field and at least one content field containing information of a nature dependent on the message type.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment adds new claims 7 and 8. Now in the application are claims 1-9 of which claim 1 is independent and claims 8 and 9 are new. No new matter has been added. The following comments address all stated grounds for rejection and place the presently pending claims, as identified above in condition for allowance.

Description and Advantages of the claimed invention:

Military equipment, such as ships, aircraft, and vehicles periodically transmit data indicative of their location, speed, armament, status, and the like. The data is sent via a wireless transmission and is referred to as a tactical data link (TDL) message. The received data is used by the appropriate field commanders to command, control and coordinate military personnel and